
Monday, January 30, 2023 • Read Romans 5:9–11

Questions from the Scripture text: How does the assurance attained in v9 compare to the hope that what came before it? What has happened to us to make it “much more”? Through what have we been justified? What can we be even more sure will happen to us? From what will we be saved? Through what (Whom!) will we be saved from wrath? What was our status, when we were justified by His blood (v10)? What did this justification do between us and God? Through what? How does our confidence about the second half of the verse compare with the confidence we might have had for the first? What sure thing is yet to come? By what shall we be saved? What are we now able to do in God, rather than fear His wrath (v11)? Through Whom? What have we received through Him?

What confidence and joy come from knowing God’s love to us in Christ? Romans 5:9–11 looks forward to the sermon in this week’s midweek meeting. In these three verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **as the Spirit increases believers’ knowledge of God’s love for them in Christ, He increases their confidence and joy.**

Being made right with God through faith (v1a) has brought us into a new condition of life. Not a condition of sin and misery, but a condition of holiness and joy. We have seen that these come not through comfort and ease, but through sufferings. But they come! As tribulation produces endurance, we see the first shoots of the tree of everlasting holiness that the Lord is growing. So despite believers’ troubles, their life is a life of rejoicing, a life of glorying: glorying in the hope of the glory of God (v2), glorying in tribulations (v3), and now glorying in God Himself (end of v11).

Justification was just the beginning. We say “beginning,” but it really comes in the middle. As we have been hearing, when the Lord brings us to faith in Jesus Christ, we discover that this gift of faith itself proceeds from eternal, electing love (v5b). And the height of the display of that love was Christ’s dying for the powerless, the ungodly, the sinner (cf. vv6–8). Indeed, He still demonstrates that once-for-all love, whenever Christ is preached.

So, justifying a sinner by bringing him to faith in Christ is not the end of his salvation. Christ will save completely. He will bring to completion that salvation which eternal love has purposed. He Who began the work, having determined to do so from eternity, will most certainly complete that work by and on the great day, the day of Christ Jesus (cf. Php 1:6). Our passage makes this point twice: “we shall be saved” (v9) and “we shall be saved” (v10).

More of our salvation is coming in the day of wrath. There is coming a “day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to each one according to his deeds” (cf. 2:5–6). But believers look forward to that very day with joy as the day upon which their conformity to Christ is completed by the redemption of their bodies in the resurrection (cf. 8:20–23). There is a salvation yet to come. How we shall feel and know ourselves to have been delivered with a great deliverance, when many are being cast body and soul into Hell, but through totally free and entirely unmerited grace, our happiness is being perfected.

We can be even more sure of future salvation than we are of present justification. “Much more then” says v9. We have not only been justified through faith (v1); we have been justified by Christ’s blood (v9). Our justification came via the mechanism of believing in Jesus, but its motivation was shown by the bleeding of Jesus. God has demonstrated everlasting love. And if this love was already sure in Jesus for sinners under condemnation, how much more sure we can be of that love for those who are righteous in Jesus. The love is from Jesus and in Jesus, and now we have been united to Him through faith. Much more then we shall be saved!

But we are not only united to the Son; we are reconciled to the Father. God gave Jesus to die for His enemies. Now that we are His reconciled children, can we imagine that He would do less for us? Much more shall we be saved, due to our reconciled status. And Jesus is not now dead but risen, and living, and interceding for us (cf. Heb 7:25). Much more shall we be saved, due to our Savior’s resurrected/living status. Much more shall we be saved!

The trifacta of rejoicing. v11 brings us to the last of three rejoicings/gloryings in Rom 5:1–11. Now, we are rejoicing in God Himself. This is that glory, the mere hope of which was worth rejoicing in, back in v2. This is that usefulness of sufferings, which made them worth glorying in, back in v3. That our holiness will be fully functional, enabling us to take full joy in God Himself. But we already have God Himself. We are united to the Son. We are the reconciled children of the Father. We are the subjects of the Spirit’s continual love-drenching work. We rejoice in God.

For the believer, the moment of justification is past, and the moment of salvation from wrath is future. But in between, now in the present, we have already God Himself. “We have now received the reconciliation.” And since we have Him, it is Him Himself that is our great joy and glory!

How do you have the Father? How do you have the Son? How do you have the Spirit? By what exercises/disciplines do you keep this on the forefront of your mind and heart so that you glory in Him?

Sample prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we praise You for the everlasting love by which You have purchased us in time by the blood of Christ. Now that You have reconciled us to Yourself, we pray that You will make us absolutely sure of the salvation that is coming, but that even now in the present, You would make us to know that we have You already, so that we may rejoice and glory in You, Our God, in Jesus’s Name, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP32AB “What Blessedness” or TPH433 “Amazing Grace”

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Romans chapter 5 verses 9 through 11. These are god’s words. Much more than having now, been justified by his blood. We shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to god through the death of his son. Much more having been reconciled.

We shall be saved by his life. And not only that. But we also rejoice in god. Through our lord, jesus christ. Through whom we have now received The reconciliation. So for the reading of gods inspired and inherent word.

As we have seen being made right with god through faith has brought us into a new condition of life. Not a condition of sin and misery. Under the wrath of god now, but now a condition of holiness and joy Having been made right with god. These come through, not through comfort and ease of our circumstances.

But through the comfort of the gospel. And the peace that we have with god.

So, the comfort that we have this holiness and joy, That we have, and that is now increasing comes even in the midst of tribulation. It is something that comes because of the certainty. Not only that we are right with god in the present, but as we heard last week in verses 5 through 8, especially In the fact that This rightness with god is the result of an everlasting love an electing eternal love from within god himself that began from all eternity before the world was And so, if the way that you have been, That you have come to me right with god is because god has loved you from before the world begin, your status of being great with god is full of comfort and gladness and the way that God demonstrated this love we heard right before this passage Uh, begins.

The way that god demonstrates, sorry present tense. This love to you isn't the fact that we won't while we were still sinners christ died for us. So, we are sure that we are justified, because christ, who is god himself in the flesh? Uh, christ has died for us. His righteousness is counted for us, it's sacrifice is counted force.

It is absolutely impossible. That we would not be forgiven of our sins. If we are in christ, it is absolutely impossible that we are not right with god. It is absolutely certain that we are right with god that god declares us righteous. If we are in christ who died for the ungodly, Who died for sinners?

Now. If we can be sure. That we are right with god, through his death. Much more than Having now been justified, his blood, Justified by his blood. We shall be saved from wrath through him, so we can be even more sure of a future blessing. So we have the blessing.

That is the beginning blessing, except for that. It has no beginning. It is the love of god, from all eternity. And we have the blessing. That is the present blessing. That is knowing that you are right with god through faith in jesus christ. That you have been justified. By his blood.

And these are guarantees of a future blessing. We shall be saved from wrath through him. For if when we were enema enemies verse 10 we were reconciled to God through the death of his son. Much more having been reconciled. We shall be saved by his life. And so you have in verse 9 and verse 10.

Two things that our state of twice and the first is this much more In other words, when we were his enemies, Christ died for us. Now we're reconciled to him. He goes on to say in verse 11. Much more or as he says, in verse 10, and we'll repeat in verse 11.

Much more. Shall we be saved? So there's a greater certainty. And the second thing that is repeated in the two verses is we shall be saved. Something that is future. Is the salvation is not a moment in time, in which you come to faith and jesus christ. Salvation is something that god has determined himself to be.

Determined that he himself will be unto us, a savior and salvation. It is something that jesus has accomplished in history. In his righteous life and the toning death and powerful. Resurrection. It does include. His bringing us to faith in him. So that we are made right with him. But the salvation Will continue to be completed until the day of christ, jesus.

When he returns and there is the resurrection. And what chapter 8 is going to call the adoption of sons that is the redemption of our bodies. That completion of the work that the apostle talks about in Philippians 1 verse 6, when he says being confident, Of this very thing.

That he who has begun a good work in, you will bring it to completion in the day of christ jesus. So there is even salvation to come beyond are being made, perfect and holiness, which just, which just happens at our death. You see there is a day that is coming and the way that chapter 2 put, it was a day of wrath and revelation of the righteous.

Judgment of god, who will render to each one according to his deeds. And so, the apostle has already three chapters ago, talked about this day of wrath. But for the believer, it's not a day of wrath. Because jesus has been exhibited as a pronouncement. He's been displayed as a propitiation.

There's no wrath left for us. And so, on the day, when Many are being cast into hell. And today where many, who have been in the churches. And learned some truth about jesus. And say, lord lord, to jesus. Are being told depart from me. I never knew you. On the day when many, Are being goats who are being turned to sight.

And sent into everlasting destruction, where there is weeping. And gnashing of teeth. For those who are believers in jesus christ, for those who have been justified through faith in him. It is a day of salvation and it is. We may be even more, sure. About that future day. Then we might have been About the day that we were being brought to faith.

So, there's this much more. And this shall be saved. So verse 9, much more then. Having now been justified by his blood present. We shall be saved future. From wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies. We were reconciled to God through the death of his son passed.

Much more having been reconciled present. We shall be saved future. By his life. So you see how god is taking? Uh, the love that he loved us with in what we will call for lack of a better word eternity past and he's taking Christ dying for us while we were still sinners and making us right with god by his blood in history paths.

He's taking that and he says, now, you're in the present condition. Of legally being right? With god justified and relationally being reconciled to god, no longer enemies. But children united to christ. And if you are legally justified and relationally reconciled, then you can be even more. Sure about the future part of the salvation.

Then you, uh, were up until this point about the past and the present parts. Of the salvation we shall be saved from. Wrath. And that gives us one last thing to rejoice in in the present. So far, we have talked about rejoicing in the or we have heard about rejoicing in the hope of the glory of god.

In verse 2. And we have heard about rejoicing in our tribulations in verse 3 and we hear one more of these rejoicing or gloryings. We hear one more of them. Now in verse 11, not only that, but we also rejoice or we also glory In god. Through our lord jesus christ.

Now we're skipping. Where we are no longer talking about rejoicing in a hope or even in a glory. Uh we are no longer talking about rejoicing in the the mechanism the instrument through which the lord has increasing our hope of that glory the tribulations. Uh, we are talking about the one, the person, Who is the object of our rejoicing?

We rejoice in god himself because we don't just have hope and we don't just have good troubles that are increasing our hope. Or securing for us, the hoped for thing. Today. We have already got himself. Because our justification was not only a legal act. It was also a relational.

Act. God is no longer. Our enemy. And not only is he no longer our enemy. In addition to beyond above, being our creator, And our king, our lord, our ruler, our law giver, our judge, all of these good things. Even our savior God is now our father. We are reconciled to him.

Through. Our lord, jesus christ verse 11. Through. His son. Verse 10. And through our lord jesus christ, his son. We have now received reconciliation, so we glory in God himself.

He whom we will have. In the last day, when we are saved from wrath. And we will have him. In. His favor. In. Uh, peace with him in his love for us and our love for him. In his delighting in himself, and bringing us into his own delight in himself.

And in his giving us to delight in him. He whom we will have and all of these things in the last day. We already have him. We don't have the holiness. We don't yet love him, like we should. We don't yet delight in him, like we should. But him, we already have.

Here's already our father. This is that which the apostle John writes under the inspiration of the spirit, behold? What manner of love? The father. Has shown unto us that we shall be called the children of god and that is What we are present? Then he goes on to say, what we shall be is not yet appeared.

Good sure. We already have. The heavenliness of heaven. Because we already have god himself. And in this, we rejoice.

We thank you, father. For your mercy to us. That you have given us. Not only salvation, but To know your salvation, by your word and by your spirit's blessing that word to us, And we pray that you would make us. To know and be sure that we have you yourself already.

Now. So that we can much more than Know that we shall be saved in the day of wrath. And we pray that you'd make us to live. In this knowledge of you, that you would increase those things. That we are still looking to see perfected. Our hope our love for you.

Our knowledge of your love for us. Our joy. That you would continue to increase those things and grant to us to live by them. As we live in union with christ. And reconciliation with you. We ask it in jesus name, Amen.